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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Mark Weichselbaum on 10/20/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9, line 19 "cylindrical basic body." has been changed to -- cylindrical basic body, wherein said ring has a smaller radial wall thickness at a further end facing away from said switching path than at an end facing said switching path. –

Claim 11 has been canceled.

Claim 15, line 1 "according to claim 11," has been changed to -- according to claim 9,--.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marina Fishman whose telephone number is (571)272-1991. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 - 4.00 M-T.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Renee S. Luebke can be reached on 571-272-2009. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Marina Fishman/ Examiner, Art Unit 2833 October 19, 2009

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